



Arkansas Post National Memorial

Calendar of Events 2012



May 12 – Civil War Encampment and Book-signing–Join park staff and volunteers for a Civil War Encampment from 10 am to 2 pm near the park visitor center. Mark Christ from the Arkansas Department of Heritage will be on hand for a special program and to sign copies of his book *Civil War Arkansas, 1863*. This book is currently on sale in the Eastern National Bookstore in the park visitor center. Call 870-548-2207 for details.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in June and July -Trailblazers – Join Ranger Joe Herron at 8 AM for a special “couch-potato to 5K” running program. Time completing the program can go towards earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Registration is necessary; call Joe Herron at 870-548-2207.

Family Fun Days 9 am – 1 pm

Register for these events (except for Youth Fishing Derby) by calling 870-548-2207

June 9 – Bird and Mammals

The first Europeans to settle Arkansas sought the furs of small mammals and deer. Today Arkansas Post draws birders from across the region. Join us for a bird hike and talks on animal tracks.

June 16 - Youth Fishing Derby

Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 250 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Competition fishing from 9:00 am to Noon. Fishing will be open to all ages after the contest.

June 23 – Outdoor Fun 101

Learn some of the basic skills needed for reading maps, using a compass, and utilizing a GPS unit. Also, learn how to apply Leave No Trace principles to your next camping or hiking trip.

June 30 – Plants and Insects

How does plantlife rely on those creepy crawling critters within in the park? Hands on activities will help us answer this question. Rangers will also share some basic identification skills in this program.

July 7 – Civil War Kids

We will start the days program with a hike to the rifle pits to discuss the Battle of Arkansas Post. Activities and crafts will help kids learn about young people in 1860s Arkansas.

July 14 – Reptiles and Amphibians

Learn about the slippery and scaly inhabitants of Arkansas Post. Special programs on snakes, turtles, and alligators and a hike around Park Lake are just part of the fun.

July 21 – Colonial Kids Day

What kind of chores and games would a kid done during 1700s Arkansas? Join Rangers and volunteers to learn about the early days of Arkansas History. Musket and Cannon demonstrations will be conducted.

July 28 – National Park Traveler

What are some ways to get the most out of your visit to the National Parks? We will discuss how to plan your trip to America’s best kept secrets and how to get the most educational experience out of the places you visit.

September 29 – Climate Change at Arkansas Post– Resource Manager Sarah Allely will lead a walk discussing the effects of climate change in the park including wildlife migration and the spread of invasive exotic plants. The program is free, registration is not required.

October 20 – The 18th Annual Ghosts of the Past - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert’s Raid, and the Civil War. Tours last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Arkansas Post National Memorial is located off State Highway 169, approximately 5 miles south of Gillett on Highway 165. The Visitor Center is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM everyday (excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.)

Guided tours and programs for groups are available by advance reservation. Admission is free. Park grounds (Trails, Parking, Picnic, and Fishing areas) are open 8:00 AM till dark. Dog’s must remain on leash. Fireworks and Hunting are prohibited on park grounds. Fishing is allowed along the banks of the lakes and bayous. (Arkansas Game & Fish regulations apply.)

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